



*Miami-Dade County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*

MPO Governing Board Subcommittee Public Meeting

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the *MPO Subcommittee* has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, located at 101 West Flagler Street (across the Stephen P. Clark Center).

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. MPO TRAFFIC RADIO PROJECT: STATUS REPORT

B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM STUDY: STATUS REPORT

At the MPO Governing Board meeting of January 2001, the Board approved the formation of a subcommittee comprised of Board members. The Subcommittee has as its mission to consider transportation projects that have potential to alleviate traffic congestion in the short term, and to make recommendations to the full Board.

The subcommittee is chaired by Board Member Krongold. MPO Governing Board Members Barreiro, Morales, Sorenson, Carey-Shuler and J. Martinez serve on the Committee.

MPO GOVERNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2002 AT 2:00 PM

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101 WEST FLAGLER STRTEET
AUDITORIUM**

SUMMARY MINUTES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MPO TRAFFIC RADIO PROJECT: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Richard Mark, SmartRoute Systems, presented the Committee with a brief PowerPoint presentation of the Traffic Radio Project (*A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat*). He informed the committee that the study recommended leasing airtime from an existing station. He further stated that the estimated operational costs would be \$1.74 million, which would include airtime costs, labor costs, content fees, hardware, marketing and promotions. He concluded by stating that the Traffic Radio could go “live” in Q1 2003. He further concluded by stating that the SRS/Westwood one is seeking a one-year demonstration period and the most efficient mechanism would be as a Supplemental Agreement to ATIS contract.

Mr. M. Ronald Krongold stated that he would like this presentation to be presented to the MPO Governing Board at the December 19, 2002 meeting.

B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM STUDY: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Craig Miller, Miller Consultants, presented the Committee with a brief audio PowerPoint presentation on the Jitney Services Pilot Program (*A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat*). He informed the Committee that the purpose of the study was to analyze a number of possible ways to expand jitney services and to identify one or more “pilot” projects that could be implemented quickly. He concluded by stating that the Route 29 should be privatized and the Smart Jitney proposal is currently under consideration by the Miami Dade Transit (MDT). He further stated that routes A, 17, 33 and 73 should also be given consideration for privatization using a combination of jitneys and minibuses. He further concluded by stating that a office of private transit assistance in the Office of the County Manager be established to serve as an advocate and source of assistance for Jitney operators.

Chairman Krongold opened the floor for questions by the audience.

Many members of the audience expressed concern with the opportunity to bid on any of the recommended routes. Mr. Miller responded that the rules of Dade County allow anyone to submit a proposal to (MDT) and it's up to the department to accept those proposals. Mr. Krongold recommended that MDT consider another route along with Route 29 for this pilot program. He further explained that having more than one route would give a better measure on whether the pilot program is successful or not.

After much discussion on the issue, Chairman Krongold stated that this item would be presented to the MPO Governing Board at its December 19, 2002 meeting.